



Nehemiah 6 - Schemes of the Enemy
Read all of Chapter six

Nehemiah 4:9 reminds us that He “SET WATCH” lets look at this further.

Write out 1 Corinthians 3:16

***GUARD ONE= A PUSH PRAYER**

***GUARD TWO = Set a watch against the schemes!**

write out 1 Peter 5:8_____

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12:1_____

READ NEHEMIAH 6:1-3

SCHEME ONE: FRIENDLY INVITATION

Can you list some friendly invitations that the enemy may use to allow you to loose focus and get off guard?

STRATEGY WE NEED: DISCERNMENT

The ability to judge matters according to God's view of them, and not according to their outward appearance. We're often deceived by outward appearances.

What did Nehemiah say in chapter 6 verse 3-4

HOW TO DEVELOP DISCERNMENT

1. KNOW THE WORD OF GOD: look up Hebrews 4:12

2. SPIRITUAL MATURITY : Hebrews 5:12-14

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT: 1 Corinthians 12:10

KEY POINT: DISCERNMENT GAVE NEHEMIAH FOCUS

SCHEME TWO: FEAR

Read Nehemiah 6:10

Write down some ways that the enemy causes fear and weakens ones hands. How have you recognized the enemy in your life?

Jesus Calms the Storm Mark 4:35-40

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "**Let us go over to the other side.**" **36** Leaving the crowd

behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. **37** A furious squall came

up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. **38** Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion.

The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely

calm.

40 He said to his disciples, "**Why are you so afraid?** Do you still have no faith?"

STRATEGY: **Write out Psalm 56:5**

Write out Zechariah 4:6

What strategy jumps out from the two verses to help one deal with fear?

SCHEME THREE: FALSE INFORMER

Read Nehemiah 6:10-13

Once again the enemy switches the game plan in verse 10

Verse 10. One day I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home. He said, “Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you—by night they are coming to kill you. (false informer)

***Are you able to recognize the deception in your life or the lives of others?**

STRATEGY: vs11 He realized a prophet from the Lord would never say anything contrary to Gods commands.

KEY POINT: If a friend gives you advice contrary to the word of God do not follow it!

SCHEME FOUR: FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Nehemiah 6:5-9

_Nehemiah dealt with lies, gossiping and talebearers

What is a Talebearer: being slanderously attacked and maliciously spoken about/false accusations

Nehemiah was attacked by Tobiah. He tried to destroy the works of God through Nehemiah.

Have you ever recognized a talebearer in your life?

STRATEGY

1. Nehemiah **DENIED IT**. He called his accusers liars vs. 8
2. The letter did **NOT** cause Nehemiah to retreat or quit. Vs.9
3. Nehemiah Recognized the intent and acknowledged the hurt
4. Nehemiah Prayed vs.9

What was Nehemiah's prayer?

What really stood out to you in this section on how Nehemiah dealt with false accusations?

How can his above strategy help you?

NEHEMIAH 6: 15-16

The wall are finally completed

1. Nehemiah had a compelling PURPOSE

What was Nehemiah's purpose?

2. Nehemiah had a clear PERSPECTIVE

How did Nehemiah stay focused?

3. Nehemiah PRAYED

What did Nehemiah pray?

4. Nehemiah had courageous PERSISTENCE

List some ways that Nehemiah displayed persistency.

